

WELCOME

Kate Fields

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.

PRELUDE

*We Gather Together*arr. Aaron Humble
Bone Therapy

CALL TO WORSHIP

God Is Here Today

DIOS ESTÁ AQUI

God is here to-day; as cer-tain as the air I breathe as cer-tain as the morn-ing sun that ris-es, as cer-tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

†GREETING

We gather to praise you O God, for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand:
 the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather:
 we join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

We gather to praise you, O God, for all the things that we cannot see or understand:
 all heaven's angels, outer space; and the skies above us;
 we join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

We gather to praise you O God, for all the things in life that we experience:
 the created world, people of all ages and circumstances, all God's creations.

We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God: whose name is glorious, and whose ways are holy.
 Amen.¹

†HYMN NO. 88

Maker in Whom We Live

DIADEMATA

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
 the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
 Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
 while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
 render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
 The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
 and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore

thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.

No angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.

When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

†PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Jack Charles Headrick

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Connecting with God's Generous Spirit

Paul Purdue

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Emma Bushong

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father *, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

GIFTS THAT CHANGE OUR WORLD

Russell Casteel, Director of Camping Ministry

OFFERING

Ingrid McIntyre

Dan Forrest

The Work of Christmas

Please register your attendance in the pew pad or with the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

You may give online by visiting belmontumc.org/give, texting BELMONT to 73256, scanning the giving QR code (back of bulletin), contacting Sara Christi (bookkeeper@belmontumc.org) to set up a bank draft, or mailing your offering to the church, Box 120098, Nashville, TN, 37212.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.

~Howard Thurman

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us forth to Serve

LAND OF REST

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed

and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

†BENEDICTION

God, may your word pour out of us like water to the thirsty,
and may our lives be full of the fruit of the Spirit.

All we are and have, we give back to you with open hands, trusting that you will illuminate our paths.
Today we take up our crosses and follow You.
Amen.²

POSTLUDE

Alleluia from *Cantata #142*

J. S. Bach

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Larry Taylor by Betty Jane Taylor and family.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS

Robbie Jones, organist

Gayle Sullivan, Director of Music Ministry

Bruce Williams, Technical Coordinator

Cindy Caldwell, Mike Graves, Wanda Webb, David Henry, Larry Beasley, streaming

We are grateful for the musical leadership provided today by Bone Therapy, a group of dedicated Nashville area trombonists formed in 2004 in search of the enjoyment that comes with playing trombone ensemble music of all styles.

The name comes from the group's origin as a trombone quartet of physicians in various phases of their careers and also due to their participation in a big band named "Sound Therapy."

Bone Therapy has become a large trombone choir that now includes full-time trombonists, high school students, and various professionals.

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²Adapted from a prayer by Hila, and posted on the Love God, Love Neighbour website. <http://www.lovegodloveneighbor.com/take-up-my-cross-and-follow-you-a-prayer-by-hila/>

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 14

For a digital version of this newsletter with color photos and live links, go to belmontumc.org/about/newsletter.

Joys and concerns

Out of the hospital

Mary Jane Duke

Christian sympathy is extended to

Suzanne Strothkamp and Jenna Colt in the death of their father, Harry Boyko.

Gifts That Change Our World

by Ingrid McIntyre

Growing up in our home, summer camp at Cedar Crest was as natural as seeing our grandparents for holidays and special occasions. It's just what we did - every summer. As we made friends through the years, we would organize across the connection to make sure we were all there on the same week. The shenanigans didn't stop at summer camp because we also always went on the fall retreat at Beersheba with our church family. These were some of the most formative experiences of my life. Children's camp, youth camp, ministry retreats, trainings, moments of community and stillness in some of God's most beautiful creation. This is what our TWK Camping and Retreat Ministries does best. It offers us space to get away from the expected . . . from the every day of life and offers us a fresh perspective on our life in communion with God.

What a gift we have been given to steward... a place where we can use our gifts of good land and hard work to create and participate in opportunities of formation and transformation. Today we will welcome Russell Casteel, Executive Director of Cedar Crest, to share his experience of how our gifts of supporting camping ministries are changing the world one life at a time.

To give your gift and change our world, you can give online at belmont-umc.org/gifts-that-change-our-world, text BELMONT CHANGE to 73256 using your text messaging (standard text message rates do apply), or simply drop your gift marked *Gifts That Change Our World (GTCOW)* in the offering plate.

New Director of Ministry with Young People announced



Emma Bushong

Belmont UMC's Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Emma Bushong as our Director of Ministry with Young People. Emma has worked with our young people for the past two years and made a deep impression on our search committee with her energy, vision, focus, commitment, curriculum writing skills, mature faith, relevance, and her ability to relate to our young people. She has impressed our staff, youth, and youth ministry partners this summer as she led our ministry. Emma designed an engaging curriculum for our young people during the pandemic and established excellent relationships with many of our young people. As a bilingual Latinx woman, Emma adds to the diversity of our staff. Last year, she worked in our weekday school demonstrating professionalism, attention to detail, and team building skills. Emma is a lifelong Methodist and self-proclaimed "UMY kid" who grew up in her mother's office at their church and is a recent graduate of Belmont University with a Bachelor of Music degree and a minor in Christian Leadership. She knows our youth program and has articulated plans for its nurturance and growth. We are so excited to welcome Emma to our staff in this new role! Please help us make Emma feel welcome.

***The Generosity Mystery* sermon series**

The Lord has given us everything we need. 2 Peter 1:3 (CEB) On Sunday mornings, today through September 4, at 8:10am and 10:30am, join us in person or via Facebook live for our new sermon series, *The Generosity Mystery*. For sermon topics or to learn more, go to belmontumc.org/the-generosity-mystery.

H.E.R.O. Navigator Initiative

Connecting with families experiencing homelessness is a new initiative for Belmont UMC outreach. The team, led by Gretchen Napier, is collaborating with H.E.R.O of Metro Nashville Schools. This initiative will help families experiencing homelessness to access critical community services. Navigators (Belmont UMC volunteers) will assist families as they get helpful information about jobs, transportation, documents, and so much more.

On four different evenings in September and October (9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25), at Buena Vista School, we'll welcome 10-15 families. We'll share a meal; then navigators and parents will have access to over 15 agencies and services that are life changing and life saving. Childcare will be available.

We want to surround this new ministry and all of the people who will be involved with prayer. Plan to join us via Zoom on Sunday, September 11, at 6:00 pm to pray together. For Zoom access information, contact Angie Slade (angie@belmontumc.org).

Passing the plate

We are excited to resume passing the plates during worship to collect offerings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Eric Patton (eric@eapatton.com). This is a ministry that is fun for all ages!

Blessing Breakfast

Children and families are invited to the Blessing Breakfast next Sunday, August 21, at 9:15am in the Community Center. Breakfast will be provided by Barley to Rise. We will share news about Sunday school, children's choirs, and children's events for the 2022-2023 school year. Go to belmontumc.org/blessing-breakfast to reserve your meal.

Young Adults in Ministry and Service (YAMS) lunch

Right after church on Sunday, August 28, there will be a fellowship lunch for all young adults in room 124. Come kick off the fall and get to know more about the young adults at Belmont UMC as well as upcoming events. Please RSVP to Jennifer Bagwell (bagwelldesign@bellsouth.net) so we can get an approximate head count for meals.

Children's Choirs and Chimes resume!

Children's choirs (ages 3-6th grade) will on Wednesday, September 7, 6:00-6:45pm, in the 2nd floor classrooms. In choir, we create friendships, sing, play instruments and musical games, and learn our theology through song. We offer children's choirs for 3-year-olds (God's Flock), 4-5 year-olds/Kindergarten (Joyful Noise Singers), 1st/2nd grade (Music Makers), and 3rd-6th grade (Chapel Choir).

For children in 4th- 6th grades, Children's Chimes will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:15am, in room 226. This 8-week commitment will begin on Sunday, September 11, and end on Sunday, November 13, with playing in worship. Regular attendance is essential. Please contact Katie Pattullo (Kathryn.Pattullo@mmps.org) if your child would like to participate.

Go to belmontumc.org/worship/music-ministry/childrens-choirs to learn more or contact Amy Cooper, Director of Children's Music, (amy@belmontumc.org).

THIS WEEK AT BELMONT UMC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live
9:15am Partners in Ministry training, Parker Hall
9:15am GTCOW - Camping Ministries with Russell Casteel, TBA
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live
2:00pm Sunday Covenant Discipleship group, Iris Room
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

5:30pm Flow yoga, Zoom
6:00pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00am Encore Ministries to Second Harvest
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
12:30am Encore Ministries lunch, Community Center
4:00pm Outreach equity in preschool, 204
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom
6:00pm Youth Midweek, 3rd floor
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom
5:30pm UWF Summer Happening, Parker Hall
6:15pm Advocacy Team, Zoom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live
9:15am Blessing Breakfast, Community Center
9:15am GTCOW - Meharry Medical School, Parker Hall
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

Paul Purdue preaching 8:10am and 10:30am worship services.

8:10am - chapel/Facebook live/YouTube

10:30am - sanctuary/Facebook live/YouTube

Belonging to a Generous Community (Deuteronomy 16:9-17; Acts 4:32-37)

Want more news and announcements?

Email angie@belmontumc.org to sign up for our weekly "Upcoming Events" and "Belmont News" emails.

Our staff is always ready to assist you!

Go to belmontumc.org/staff for contact information.

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